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THE WEATHER.
Unsettled weather and probably showers Wednesday; Thursday, fair; moderate variable winds.

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WASHINGTON LINER HITS BRITISH SHIP

Seventy-five Passengers
Aboard Steamer Newport
News Given Bad Fright.

COLLISION IN THE FOG OFF WOLF TRAP LIGHT

Sheering Against Steel Hull of
Tramp Lord Roberts, Bay Boat
Comes Near Sending Herself to the
Bottom—Arrives Here for Repairs
at the Shipyard.

While proceeding down Chesapeake Bay through a dense fog, the Norfolk and Washington passenger steamer Newport News collided with the British steamer Lord Roberts, lying at anchor off Wolf Trap Light yesterday morning, and for half an hour there was a panic among the seventy-five passengers on the Newport News, who were enroute from Washington for Old Point, Newport News and Norfolk.

Although she struck the steamer a sheering blow, the Newport News had a hole torn in her hull from the pilot house down almost to the water's edge. Had the hole been made twelve feet further aft, the steamer probably would have gone down with all hands on board.

Passengers Asleep.

The accident happened early in the morning when all of the passengers were asleep. Men and women were almost thrown out of their bunks by the force of the impact and scantily clad persons were soon running on deck. There was a regular panic on the damaged vessel for a while, but Captain Phillips and his officers finally succeeded in reassuring the passengers and restoring order.

After the Newport News backed away from the steamer, the officers made an examination of the hole and when it was seen that the vessel could continue on her journey without fear for the safety of the passengers, the steamer continued on her voyage.

Here for Repairs.

The Newport News arrived at Old Point about 10 o'clock yesterday morning and then proceeded for Norfolk, where the passengers and freight were discharged. Later she came over to this port and proceeded to the shipyard, where repairs will be made.

The accident is directly attributable to the fog, but Captain Phillips declares that the Lord Roberts, which was anchored for the night, was not ringing her fog bell and the officers of the Newport News could not prevent the collision. The Newport News was blowing her whistle at regular intervals, the skipper says, and the whistle should have been heard by the watch on the Lord Roberts long before the accident occurred.

The extent of the damage to the Lord Roberts is not known, but it is not thought that she was damaged to any extent.

The Newport News was so badly damaged, that she will be laid up several weeks. She will be replaced by the steamer Norfolk. There was no steamer of this line from Norfolk and Old Point to Washington last night.

ATTACKS WHITE LADY AND STABS HUSBAND

Georgia Negro Attempts Criminal Assault and is Shot to Death.

(By Associated Press.)
VIDALIA, GA., March 1.—Will Williamson, a negro, who early this morning attempted to criminally assault a white woman and fatally stabbed her husband, met death at the hands of a posse of citizens tonight. He was riddled with shot from the guns of the posse at Petros, five miles from here, at 7 o'clock, after refusing to obey a summons to halt.

Williamson entered the home of A. H. C. Mann, a well to do planter, at Cedar Crossings, at 1 o'clock this morning, attacked Mrs. Mann with criminal intent and fatally wounded her husband when he came to her rescue from an adjoining room. Mann was stabbed with a long bladed knife in a number of places and no hope is entertained for his recovery.

Bloodhounds were secured shortly after the occurrence and the negro

was trailed to a turpentine distillery, near the scene of the crime. The neighborhood was quickly aroused and a search in every direction. Upon being discovered in an outhouse at Petros, the negro ran and refused to obey the summons to halt, whereupon he was shot to death.

The house was robbed by the negro before he entered Mrs. Mann's room.

Owing to the prominence of the Mann family indignation over the triple crime ran high.

Williamson was well known in the community and was generally regarded as a dangerous character.

WINS BAILEY MEDAL.

Newport Young Man Carries Off the Naval Honor.

(Special to Daily Press.)

NEWPORT, R. I., March 1.—Of the several thousand seamen apprentices connected with the United States navy, Frederick E. Constantine, of the battleship Vermont, in competitive examination, has proved himself the most efficient, thereby winning the Bailey gold medal. Young Constantine enlisted at Newport a year ago. The medal was instituted some years ago by Rear Admiral Theodorus Bailey, U. S. N.

Work on Short Time.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 1.—The Modena Cotton Mills at Gastonia, one of the largest plants in this section, today announced a curtailment plan which embraces a shut down of one day each week during March and two days weekly thereafter until further notice. This action follows that taken by certain Charlotte mills yesterday.

Falls to His Death.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 1.—R. M. Shannon, a lineman in the employ of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, fell from the top of a 40-foot pole this morning on West Trade street, sustaining injuries from which he died later at the Presbyterian Hospital.

TO LAY SECRETS BARE

New York Senate Sifting the
Bribery Charges.

INSURGENTS MUST TESTIFY

Body of Lawmakers Wants Story of
Protest Against the Elevation of
Senator Aldridge to President Pro Tem
—Will be Called Today.

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., March 1.—The secrets of the "insurgent" conference, where Senator Ben Conger first voiced his charges against Senator Aldridge, will be laid before the senate tomorrow.

After an animated discussion this afternoon the senate decided that these seven Republicans who, with Conger, met at the Hotel Ten Eyck on the night of January 4, to frame a protest against the elevation of Aldridge to the presidency pro tem of the senate, would not disqualify themselves as jurors to decide Aldridge's innocence or guilt of Conger's bribery charges by appearing as witnesses at the present investigation.

After the Facts.

Fierce skirmishes marked every step of the testimony today. Aldridge's counsel came to the chamber determined to prove their allegation that the bridge companies, in which Conger and his brothers were prominent, were guilty of criminal business practices. The lesson they attempted to draw was that Conger was in no position to attack the reputation of a brother senator. To accomplish this they put on the stand early in the day Eugene London, the former manager of the Groton Bridge Company, and questioned him about the cooling arrangement, known as the "Cleveland agreement," through which it was held that the companies extracted exorbitant profits from the towns and cities of five states by means of collusion and bidding.

His testimony strengthened many of the assertions of Attorney Littleton's opening address, but its most interesting portion was his assertion that he saw nothing wrong in the means employed by the bridge companies under the "Cleveland agreement" to obviate ruinous competition.

His Object.

"I do this," said James W. Osborn, Conger's chief counsel, after he had brought this answer from the witness, "to show that operations under the Cleveland agreement were not such as would appear wrong to the ordinary business conscience."

"There was nothing about the Cleveland agreement which shocked my conscience," declared London.

TRAIN BURIED IN HUGE AVALANCHE

Many Dead and Injured in
Snow Slide in State of
Washington.

TWENTY BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM WRECK

Flood Conditions Resulting From
Melting Ice Cuts Off Northwest
and Ties up Traffic on Half Dozen
Trans-continental Railroads—Rescues Made by Boats.

(By Associated Press.)

OGDEN, UTAH, March 1.—Flood conditions, almost unprecedented, have cut off the entire northwest and tied up traffic on half a dozen trans-continental railroads. Thaws in the mountains have caused avalanches that have swept away mountain towns and sections of railroad tracks in various places from Nevada to British Columbia. The exact number of deaths caused by avalanches in the Rockies in Idaho and in Western Montana probably will not be known until the summer sun melts the great masses of snow and ice in the canyons, into which several mining towns were swept.

In the Cascade mountains at Wellington, Wash., a Great Northern train with 46 to 50 passengers is buried under a snow slide. Twenty bodies have been recovered, twenty-five persons are missing and fifteen or twenty injured.

Train Was Stalled.

The express had been stalled on the summit of the Cascade mountains since last Thursday. A relief train has gone from Everett, but it will not be able to get within ten miles of the train.

The stalled train was about two miles west of the west portal of the Cascade tunnel. The track was open to the tunnel, but Superintendent Oneal of the Great Northern thought the train was safe where it stood.

At the Great Northern headquarters the number of persons on the train is given as 30. Two passengers walked the ten miles from the blockade and gave the number of passengers as 51. Among them are several women and children.

As wires are down information is meagre. A work train including two locomotives and a rotary snow plow, was also carried off the tracks, together with a water tank, near Wellington station and buried by the avalanche.

Two Thousand Homeless.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 1.—Fully 2,000 people are homeless tonight in Ohio as a result of the flood which is still sweeping over the state. At Zanesville alone 1,900 persons are reported as having been driven from their homes. The public buildings are crowded with refugees, who are being fed by the city authorities.

Rescue by Boat.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., March 1.—Susquehanna and Chenango rivers have overflowed their banks and in almost every town people have been driven from their homes on the lowlands, rescue by boat being necessary at Riverside, Great Bend and Port Chane.

IS PLEA OF GUILTY.

Congressman Gullip Talks on Republican Extravagance.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—Referring to the statement by Senator Aldridge that a business administration would permit a saving of \$300,000,000 in the annual expenses of the government, Representative Gullip, of Indiana, in the house today said that it was a plea of guilty to the charge of Republican extravagance, made by the Democratic party in the last three national campaigns.

"He admits that the people's money is wasted," said Mr. Gullip, adding that the appropriation bills of this session showed no such cut in the national expenditure as Mr. Aldridge said was possible.

May Use Name "T. Roosevelt."

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—Resolutions to name a street in Harlem "T. Roosevelt" and to repudiate the aldermanic favors bestowed some time back on Dr. Frederick A. Cook, were up for consideration before the board of aldermen today, but no action was taken in either case. The Roosevelt proposal was referred to the committee on streets and highways; the Cook matter was tabled.

BRAZILIAN BATTLESHIP SIGHTED OFF THE CAPES

Expected That Vessel Will Need Some
Attention Before Making Home-
ward Journey.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes, which is to convey the United States armored cruiser North Carolina, bearing the body of the late Brazilian ambassador, Joaquin Nabuco, to Rio de Janeiro, was sighted late today 130 miles off the Virginia capes.

Officials of the state department, however, say that the Geraes may not be in condition to sail for Rio for some days yet.

No information to that effect has been received, but from the fact that the Geraes is an entirely new vessel, it would not be unusual if she required some attention before proceeding on her journey homeward. It is expected that the battleship will arrive at Hampton Roads some time tonight.

The Mayflower, with the body of the ambassador, will not leave the navy yard here until definite information from the Geraes is received.

ROANOKE'S EX-MAYOR IN STREET FIGHT

Col. James Woods is Attacked
by Hunter Breckenridge
and Brothers.

(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE, VA., March 1.—Col. James P. Woods, former mayor of Roanoke, and a prominent lawyer, was assaulted today at Fincastle, Va., by Hunter Breckenridge, a well known society and horseman, and two of the latter's brothers. The quartet met on the street and when the Breckenridges attacked Woods he drew a revolver and fired, the ball taking effect in the stomach of a negro bystander. It is not believed the negro's wound will prove fatal.

Col. Woods and Breckenridge were fined in a mayor's court and gave bonds to keep the peace for a year.

About a year ago, while Woods was attorney for Breckenridge's wife, who was suing her husband for divorce, the two men fought in a Roanoke court room. Breckenridge and his wife were afterwards reconciled and are now living together. Judge Woods, brother of the colonel, then presiding, fined the colonel and threatened to send him to jail for contempt. The two families are among the most prominent in this section.

SOUTH CAROLINA SAILS FOR ROADS SUNDAY

One of Most Powerful New
Battleships Placed in
Commission.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 1.—With the booming of guns, the battleship South Carolina was today placed in commission at the Philadelphia navy yard. After Captain Augustus F. Fletcher had read the orders of the navy department putting him in command, the stars and stripes were run to the masthead, while officers and crew stood at attention. Salutes were then exchanged between the shore battery at the navy yard and the battleship.

The South Carolina and her sister ship, the Michigan, are the most powerful vessels in the navy.

The new ship will sail on Sunday for Hampton Roads and later will proceed to Charleston, S. C. At the latter place the battleship will be given a handsome silver service by the daughters of the American revolution.

OPPOSE WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Maryland Females Not Allowed to
Vote Yet Awhile.

(By Associated Press.)

ANNAPOLIS, MD., March 1.—After a spirited debate, the bill permitting women to vote at municipal elections in Baltimore, was killed for this session of the legislature at least, when the house today, by a vote of 67 to 24, decided to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the measure.

This action also is believed to seal adversely the fate of the other pending bill granting women state-wide suffrage through a constitutional amendment.

Ex-Naval Officer Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 1.—Edward W. Very, formerly a distinguished naval officer and known the world over as an ordnance expert, died at his home in New York today, aged 63 years. Several of his inventions are in use in the navy.

RAPID QUESTIONS GET WILSON MIXED

Pinchot and Secretary of Agriculture Come to Clash Before Committee.

DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS LEAD EXAMINATION

When Cabinet Official Takes Stand
He Plainly Shows That He is Ag-
gitated—Cross-firing Results Over
Disputed Letter to Senator Dolli-
ver—Causing Forester's Dismissal.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The expected clash between Gifford Pinchot and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, over the disputed question as to whether or not the secretary had given the former forester permission to write to Senator Dolliwer, the letter which resulted in Mr. Pinchot's dismissal, came today before the Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee.

Mr. Pinchot declared he had discussed the matter at length with Secretary Wilson and that he understood his superior officer had given him express permission to write to Senator Dolliwer.

Mr. Wilson took the stand and asserted that while he had given Mr. Pinchot permission to write to Senator Dolliwer concerning "departmental affairs," he never did, and never would, have given his permission to write a letter criticizing the people of the United States.

Witness Gets Mixed.

Under a cross-examination, almost wholly by the Democratic members of the committee, Secretary Wilson was uncertain as to just what had passed between himself and the forester and became somewhat mixed at times as to just what letters the committee were referring in their rapid fire of questions.

The secretary reiterated again and again that he never saw or heard of the letter Mr. Pinchot wrote until it was read in the senate.

Secretary Wilson, who holds all records for cabinet service, was plainly agitated when he took the stand. Mr. Pinchot had been reluctant to testify to anything that would bring him into controversy with the chief under whom he had served twelve years. But Chairman Nelson insisted that he should go into the matter.

Mr. Pinchot declared that he and Secretary Wilson went so far as to discuss the executive order issued by President Taft forbidding subordinate officers of the various departments from giving information to congress and he added that the secretary said: "You and I will have no trouble about that order."

Memory Not Good.

Admitting that his memory failed him as to certain points, Secretary Wilson always came back to the statement that he never, under any circumstances, would have given Mr. Pinchot permission to write the letter which caused his separation from the service.

The secretary said he urged Mr. Pinchot not to carry out his purpose to "blanket" a message from the President exonerating Ballinger, by sending in a letter to Senator Dolliwer.

"But," persisted counsel for Mr. Pinchot, "if Mr. Pinchot was only to be permitted to write about departmental matters, how could you have thought his letter would blanket the President's message?"

"I don't know. That was Pinchot's idea."

The day was replete with incidents. The cross examination of Mr. Pinchot was begun late in the afternoon and will be continued when the committee meets again Friday.

Ballinger Its Enemy.

Mr. Pinchot denied that he was embittered by a dismissal which he considered was not justified. He denied, also, that there was a specific movement to discredit Mr. Ballinger. He added, however, that he and former Secretary Garfield, Glavis and others are concerned in a movement for the conservation of the natural resources and that they regard Mr. Ballinger as one of the greatest enemies of that movement.

Mr. Vertres, counsel for Secretary Ballinger, read three statements from a letter addressed by Mr. Pinchot to President Taft at the time that Glavis was seeking an interview with the President.

"You state that by official action of your office the issuance of patents to the Cunningham claimants was held up," said Mr. Vertres, "is that true?"

"That was a mistake," said Mr. Pinchot.

"Secondly," said Mr. Vertres, "you stated to the President that as a result of Mr. Ballinger's action in re-

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COMMITTEE VOTES FOR TWO BATTLESHIPS

Report is Made on Program for the
Naval Increase for the
Year.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—The house committee on naval affairs voted today for the construction of two battleships, one repair ship, two fleet colliers and four submarines. This represents the naval increase for the present year and is practically the same as urged by President Taft and by Secretary Meyer.

The two battleships will be of 26,000 or 27,000 tons displacement. Their cost will be about \$11,000,000 each. The repair ship will cost something less than \$1,000,000.

The four submarines are for the Pacific coast.

The committee was practically unanimous for the program.

MADE GOOD HIS PROMISE.

After Notifying Officers, South Carolina Prisoner Walks Off.

(By Associated Press.)

SPARTANBURG, S. C., March 1.—Will Elison, of Pelzer, S. C., who promised the local police authorities three weeks ago, when he was brought back here from Thomasville, N. C., where he was arrested after his second escape from the Spartanburg city jail, that he would escape again, made good his promise this afternoon when he threw a pistol into the face of Chan Gang Guard Brown and relieving that official of his rifle, walked away. Tonight mounted officers, armed with rifles, are searching the woods for him.

Creates New Dioceses.

ROME, March 1.—The pope has created four new dioceses in the Philippine islands. These are Zamboanga, Tuguegarao, Lipa, and the islands of Samar and Leyte, with the apostolic prefecture of Palawan.

STUART IS NOMINATED

Democrats of Ninth District
Name Candidate.

BATTLE FOR SLEMP'S SCALP

Amid Scenes of Wild Enthusiasm the
Distinguished Russell County Gen-
tleman is Selected to Lead the Par-
ty to Success—Forced to Accept.

(By Associated Press.)

BRISTOL, TENN., March 1.—In the midst of the wildest scenes of enthusiasm and with the oft-repeated slogan, "redeem the district," the Democrats of the Ninth Virginia district, in convention in the theater here, nominated Hon. Henry C. Stuart, late corporation commissioner and wealthy farmer and cattleman, to oppose Representative C. B. Slemp, who is destined to be the Republican nominee in the race for congress.

Forced to Accept.

Despite Stuart's disposition to eschew the honor, owing to his business affairs and to his determination to seek no office other than that of the governorship of Virginia, he was finally forced to yield this evening when he saw that the delegates from the various counties were not in a frame of mind to accept any excuse.

Placed in Nomination.

After the committee on resolutions had reported and the stirring denunciations of the Republican administration, especially in its relation to the tariff, had been unanimously adopted, Hon. R. Tate Irvine, chairman of the convention, came forward and in a ringing speech complimented the virtues of Stuart, placed the distinguished Russell county man in nomination.

A demonstrative scene of the convention followed the mention of Stuart's name, as it had previously been understood among a majority of the delegation that there would be no hope of having him accept the honor.

Stuart Will be Elected.

RICHMOND, VA., March 1.—A. P. Strecher, Republican senator from the Fifth senatorial district, composed of Giles, Bland, Wythe and Pulaski City, when asked tonight about the nomination of Henry C. Stuart by the Ninth district Democratic convention, said:

"The Democrats have nominated the strongest man possible. Stuart is the peer of any man in my section of the state. He will not only command the solid support of his own party but will have the support of many influential Republicans, who cannot and will not, further endorse the political course of Slemp. It is my opinion that Stuart will be elected to congress this fall."

AMERICAN PROVES HERO OF STRUGGLE

Slays Nicaraguans in Fierce
Battle With His Machine
Gun.

NUMBER OF MEN KILLED ESTIMATED AT 225

Searchers Find Bodies Scattered Over
Large Territory—While His Horse
is Shot Under Him, Fowler
Fires Upon His Own Men for Waver-
ing in the Charge.

(By Associated Press.)

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA, March 1.—Gradually the casualty list of the battles between the government and insurgent forces at Tisma and Tipitapa has increased, until now it is estimated that not less than 225 men were killed and 230 wounded. Searchers have come upon bodies scattered over a large territory as though the wounded had attempted to drag themselves to some refuge and died.

Captain Godfrey Fowler, who was in command of General Chamorro's machine gun and was wounded in the left leg, succeeded in escaping capture, thanks to a conservative, who concealed the American for two days at his hacienda. All accounts agree that Captain Fowler, on the one side and General Lara on the other, were the heroes of the Tisma battle.

His Gun Appalling.

The effectiveness of the American machine guns was appalling. General Lara charged to within ten yards of where Fowler and his men were serving them.

His horse was shot under him. He shot five of his own men who wavered in the charge.

Captain Fowler worked the crank of one of the guns spasmodically to economize the ammunition, which was scarce. Finally a bullet found a resting place in his leg above the ankle and he was dragged to the rear by his men.

The town of Morrito, on the east side of Lake Nicaragua, has been retaken by the government. Morrito was captured by the revolutionists through the treason of the sub-commandant, who is suspected of being implicated in the killing of Gen. Romero, the commandant.

Commence the March.

According to the reports here many stragglers, who took part in the fighting at Tisma and Tipitapa, have reached Gen. Mena's headquarters at El Vicente. Their accounts of the engagements so discouraged Mena's forces that many of the insurgents are surrendering daily to General Vasquez at Acopya.

The government army which is destined to attack Rama has commenced the march. It is well supplied with artillery. When it reaches Acopya General Vasquez will assume chief command.

A group of revolutionists today attacked a government patrol near San Marcos, between Granada and Rivas, with the evident intention of cutting communication between Managua and San Juan Del Sur.

MR. ABBE'S FUNERAL.

Services Conducted at St. Paul's Church Yesterday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. James E. Abbe, who died Sunday night, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church by Rev. Thomas C. Darst. The full vested choir of the church took part in the services. The pallbearers were: Actie—R. M. Lett, J. M. Cook, H. P. Hammond, Horace Epps, J. T. Ballentine and J. A. Willett; honorary, J. R. Swinerton, W. A. Post, Dr. B. J. Pressley, L. F. Boggs, John G. Livezey, John D. Hay, S. L. Nussbaum, Dr. J. K. Coras, H. C. Blackstone and Major James Houghton.

The body was interred at Greenlawn cemetery. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

Oppose Naval Increase.

BOSTON, MASS., March 1.—A remonstrance against a further increase of the American navy signed by 500 clergymen of Boston and vicinity, representing all denominations, was forwarded to Washington tonight to be presented to congress. The remonstrance points to the high cost of living and urges international arbitration.

Fireman Killed.

ROANOKE, VA., March 1.—Fireman C. C. Davis was instantly killed and Engineer W. K. Kirby and a team brakeman, named Charles Preston, were injured early today when a Norfolk & Western freight train ran into a slide of earth and stone near Oakvale, Va.